



UC SANTA CRUZ

BECOME A
BANANA SLUG



2,000 acres for living, learning, exploring, communing, and contemplating

300 days of sunshine per year

19 places to eat, drink, and fuel you up including dining halls, cafes, coffeehouses, and markets

17 NCAA Division III athletics teams

10 residential colleges organized into 5 neighborhoods across the main campus

7 guiding Principles of Community: Diverse, Open, Purposeful, Caring, Just, Disciplined, Celebrative



30% of first years are first-gen students

38% of transfers are first-gen students



64.1% of undergraduate students identify as non-White

98.2% of first-year students live on campus

77% of undergraduates receive financial aid

OVER **\$295MM** FINANCIAL AID DISTRIBUTED ANNUALLY, INCLUDING OVER **\$6MM** IN SCHOLARSHIPS!

TOP 50 IN PRINCETON REVIEW'S 2026 BEST VALUE PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

1 AUGUST 1
UC application opens

2 OCTOBER 1 - NOVEMBER 30
Submit your UC Santa Cruz application

3 LATE FEBRUARY - MID-MARCH
First-year admission notifications

4 APRIL
Transfer admission notifications



17,940
UNDERGRADUATES

1,998
GRADUATE STUDENTS

2,850
TRANSFER STUDENTS

22:1 student/faculty ratio

61% of undergraduate courses have fewer than 30 students

73% of undergraduate courses have fewer than 50



150+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS IN 12 DIFFERENT CATEGORIES, FROM PANHELLENIC TO PROFESSIONAL AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

75% of undergraduates participate in research.

85 undergraduate research programs & even more individual research internships!

STUDY, ACCEPT INTERNSHIPS, VOLUNTEER AND PERFORM RESEARCH IN OVER 46 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD IN 420 STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS



TOP MAJORS: Computer Science, Psychology, Business Management Economics, Computer Engineering, Computer Game Design
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R1 RESEARCH UNIVERSITY known for undergraduate research and innovation

TOP 15 among national public universities for students making an impact
- Princeton Review, 2024

TOP 15 among public universities for undergraduate teaching
- U.S. News & World Report, 2025



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